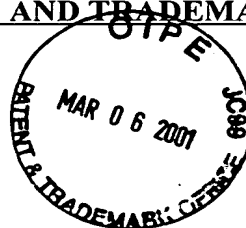


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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2000, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks. A request for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. The extended period for response to the Action is April 5, 2001.

REQUESTED AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 3-7 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of manufacturing a separator for a fuel cell comprising:
preparing a raw material by mixing a carbon, an epoxy resin and a phenolic resin,
wherein said phenolic resin is different from said epoxy resin;
charging the raw material into a predetermined mold; and
heat press forming the raw material charged into the mold.

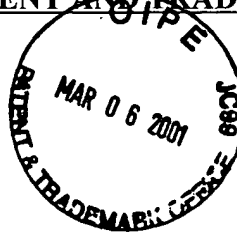
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Date: March 6, 2001

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